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SUBJ: TRANSGABON RAILROAD--GE LOCOMOTIVES; RAILS

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1. EMBASSY SUGGESTIONS REF A PASSED ALONG TO GENERAL ELECTRIC. COMPANY REP SAID HE WILL TAKE THEM INTO CONSIDERATION IN ENSUING NEGOTIATIONS WITH OCTRA. ON BASIS GE'S EXTENSIVE EXPERIENCE AND SUCCESSFUL TRACK RECORD, HE IS CONFIDENT COMPANY CAN WORK OUT ADEQUATE ARRANGEMENTS FOR SPARE PARTS AND MAINTENANCE.

2. IN APPROACHING BETHLEHEM AND U.S. STEEL RE RAILS, COMMERCE MADE SPECIAL POINT OF CALLING CONTACTS' ATTENTION COMPANIES' GABON INTERESTS. COMPANIES' RESPONSES REFLECTED
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SPECIFIC CONSULTATION RESPECTIVE INTERNATIONAL UNITS.

OVERRIDING CONSIDERATION IS UNPRECEDENTED DEMAND--FAR IN EXCESS OF U.S. PRODUCTION CAPACITY--REFLECTING EMORNOUS AND URGENT U.S. RAILROAD REHABILITATION NEEDS.

3. EMBASSY REQUESTED OBTAIN AS PRECISE INDICATION AS POSSIBLE OF GABONESE RAIL NEEDS FROM PROPSECTIVE U.S. SUPPLIERS--PARTICULARLY QUANTITY AND DELIVERY DATES. REF B CITES QUOTE QUITE SMALL UNQUOTE AMOUNT; REF C SPECIFIES QUOTE ABOUT 40,000 TONS UNQUOTE. INGERSOLL

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